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1. The 7 November Biscuit Factory (formerly called the Fabrica Ceres) is located at 271 Bulevardul Cuza in Braila. The factory telephone number is 22-86. The building housing the factory faces Bulevardul Cuza and Strada Unirei. It is two stories high on the side facing Bulevardul Cuza and one story high on the side facing Strada Unirei. A shed for the storing of packaged biscuits is presently under construction in the yard of the factory.
2. The biscuit factory operates on a three shift basis and employs about 100 workers and 10 office employees. Their daily biscuit production is about 7,800 kilograms. The informant stated that the biscuits are "of the best quality" and are made both for domestic consumption and for export.
3. The monthly salary range of the clerical help is from 350 to 590 lei, whereas workers are paid between 250 and 350 lei monthly depending on whether they are employed in the packing or making of the biscuits. In addition to wages, the personnel is given ration tickets for food, clothing and fuel.
4. The director of the factory is Ahmet Nuridin. He is approximately 35 years of age, married, a Turkish national and formerly a resident of Sulina. Although a Communist, Nuridin is said to be well liked by his employees. Nuridin's monthly salary is 840 new lei.
5. The chief bookkeeper is O. Friedman. He is approximately 40 years old and a confirmed Communist. His monthly salary is 590 new lei. The informant stated that Friedman "is very decent" in his treatment of the personnel.

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6. The cadre chief is a woman named Alexandrina (fnu). She is married, 56 years old, and a resident of Braila. The informant described her as "the most fanatic Communist in the factory."
7. The factory has the following equipment which is used in the biscuit making process: an electric mixer with a capacity of 200 kilograms; an electric mixer with a capacity of 120 kilograms; an electric rolling mill; an electric stamping machine; an electric oven approximately ten meters deep; and a smaller oven, which was recently purchased from a Galati biscuit factory.
8. Since the operation of the biscuit factory falls within the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Food Industries, all raw materials necessary to the biscuit making process are procurable from this Ministry on the basis of monthly allocations. The principal ingredient, wheat flour, is supplied mainly by the former Violatos Mill of Galati and, occasionally, by a flour mill in Giurgiu. Other ingredients supplied by the Ministry include glucose, starch, ammonia, baking soda and artificial flavors.
9. The informant described the biscuit making process as involving the following four steps: The flour and other ingredients are first poured into the electric mixer; the paste or dough which is the result is then processed by a press which produces the "leaves"; these are passed through the rolling mill and the stamping machine; the shaped biscuits are finally placed in the oven for baking and then packed.
10. The material for packaging and packing is supplied by the Fabrica Forestiera in Braila on the basis of monthly allocations made by the Ministry of Food Industries.
11. The finished product is distributed to the various Braila food shops and to food shops in other cities by the Ministry of Food Industries distribution section. One third of the biscuit output is earmarked for export, principally to Czechoslovakia. The packages which are to be exported are channeled to the government export agency Fructexport.

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